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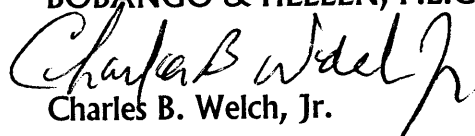
**Re: Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement Between
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and NOW Communications,
Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996
Docket No. 00-00141**

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Please find enclosed an original and thirteen (13) copies of the Motion to Extend Pre-Hearing Conference and Oral Argument jointly submitted by Now Communications and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. in the referenced matter. Please note that counsel for BellSouth, Mr. Guy Hicks, signed the original after copies were made. Copies are being served upon the hearing officer, Gary Hotvedt. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

FARRIS, MATHEWS, BRANAN
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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

**PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BELL SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS,
INC. AND NOW COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996**

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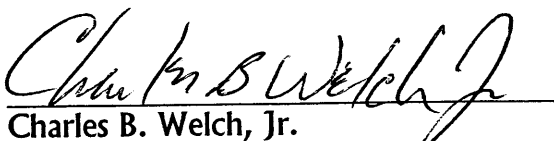
**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND PRE-HEARING
CONFERENCE AND ORAL ARGUMENT**


NOW Communications, Inc. ("NOW") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), jointly request an extension of time to renew their ongoing settlement negotiations of the issues relevant to this proceeding. It is respectfully requested that the pre-hearing conference and oral argument be rescheduled for June 8, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**FARRIS, MATHEWS, BRANAN
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**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
Inc.**

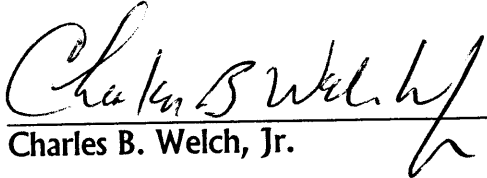

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I hereby certify that on May 23, 2000, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via U.S. First Class Mail, postage pre-paid:

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